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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner 30th August, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, 5th September, 2000 at 7p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holan
..... Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

U. D. C. Status

Notice of Motion: Commissioner Ward

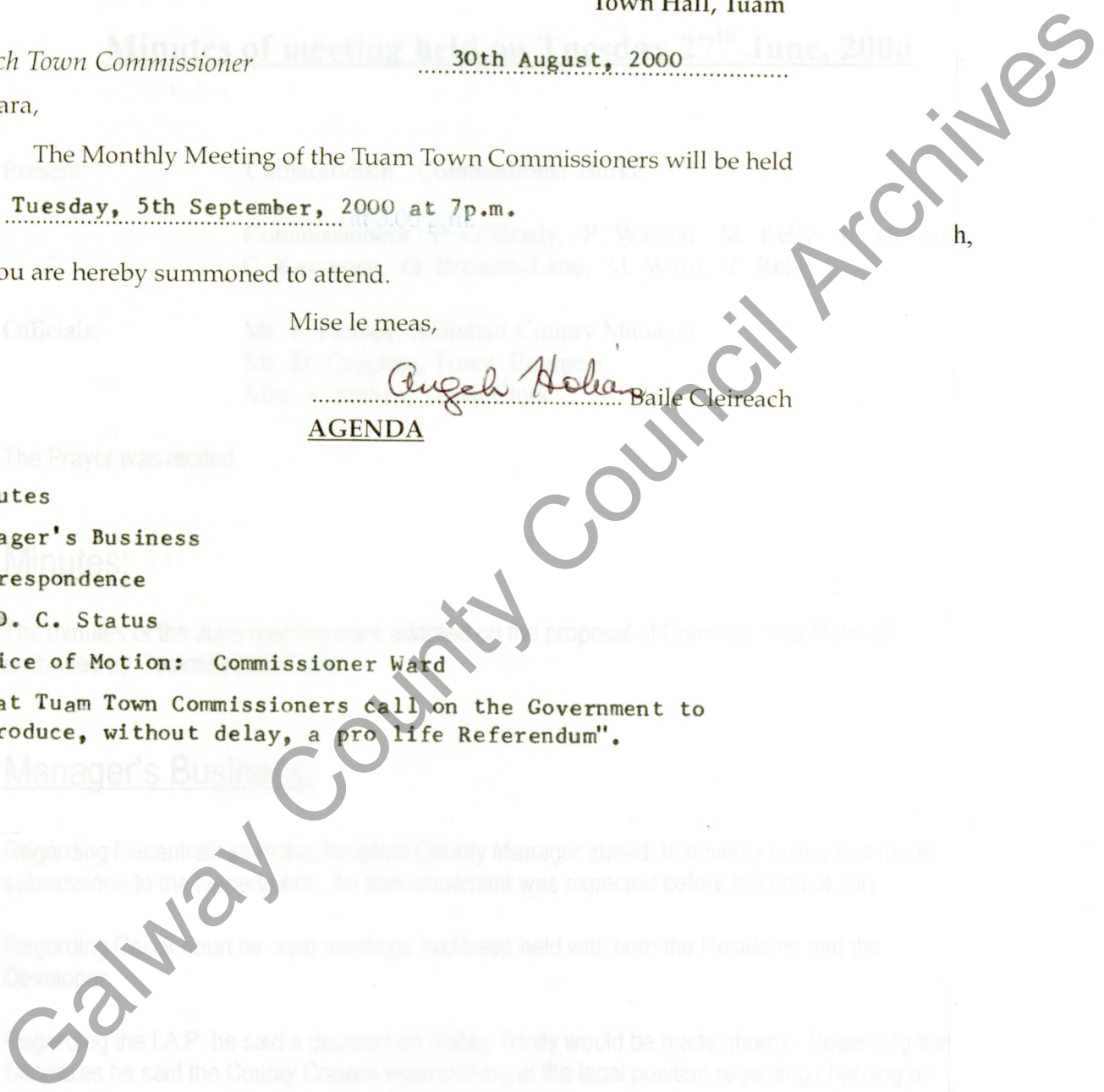
"That Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Government to introduce, without delay, a pro life Referendum".

Manager's Business

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 27th June, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke

Commissioners: P. O'Grady, P. Warren, M. Kelly, P. McHugh,
C. Keaveney, G. Browne-Lane, M. Ward, T. Reilly

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner McHugh seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

Manager's Business:

Regarding Decentralisation the Assistant County Manager stated that ninety towns had made submissions to the Department. An announcement was expected before the end of July.

Regarding Cedar court he said meetings had been held with both the Residents and the Developer.

Regarding the I.A.P. he said a decision on Abbey Trinity would be made shortly. Regarding the Shambles he said the County Council were looking at the legal position regarding charging on parking. The matter will be discussed at the area committee meeting of the county Council in early July. The County Council will have to pass the by-laws. A submission had been received from Tuam Chamber of Commerce. The Board will be advised of the position.

Regarding Gilmartin Road he said final re-surfacing couldn't be done until pipe laying and heavy construction work was finished. Regarding the Gilmartin Road/Cloonthue Road junction it was planned to line the road and monitor the situation.

Regarding Temple Jarlath he told the Members he had met with the Old Tuam society. It was hoped to do a clean up shortly. It is planned to include the maintenance of Temple Jarlath when the new cemetery caretaker is appointed. He hopes to meet with the O. P. W. and will report back to the Board.

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady re: the Tuam By-pass he said there was no set date by which the Consultants had to report. He said he would advise the Members in writing. Replying to Commissioner Reilly he said submissions should be sent to the County Council.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letters dated 14th June, 2000 and 19th June, 2000 from Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law reform - read

Letter dated 15th June, 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - read

Letter dated 19th June, 2000 from Archbishop Neary - read

Letter dated 21st June, 2000 from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry - read

Letter dated 19th June, 2000 from European Movement Ireland - read

Letter dated 20th June, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. - read

Urban District Council Status:

It was agreed that a meeting be called to discuss the Town Boundary.

DEPUTATION:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Mr. Paddy Keaveney, Ms Attracta Behan and Mr. Tom Craven. Mr. Keaveney told the Members they were trying to progress the good work done over the year and listed some areas of concern.

He said the road surfaces and footpaths at Bishop Street, Egan's Lane and Foster Place were disgraceful. He asked that something be done at Bishop Street before the celebrations at St. Jarlath's College. He said Galway Road, from the railway gates to the traffic lights, is constantly flooded. Regarding litter, he paid tribute to the work of the Tidy Towns Committee, he said more bins should be in place. He stated that while the bins are emptied regularly during the week they would need to be emptied on Friday evening/Saturday morning and early on Monday morning. He welcomed the Traffic/Litter Warden and said she needs support staff. He said traffic flow and parking should be looked at seriously. He said Tuam's image had suffered serious blows in the past while. The Square Area needs better policing at night and suggested Close Circuit Television Cameras. The Deputation then left.

The Cathaoirleach invited the Town Engineer to comment on the matters raised by the Deputation. The Town Engineer told the Members that pipe laying is being carried out at Galway Road and this should address the flooding problem. It is planned to resurface Bishop Street later in the year when the footpaths are refurbished. He felt that there were plenty of bins in the town centre but domestic rubbish is being put in them. He said blue "Car park" signs will be erected.

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that Tuam had been approved for a Community Warden Scheme. He also stated that there would be a significant increase in the Urban Village allocation this year.

The Members agreed that C.C.T.V. should be investigated. It was agreed to invite Supt. Forde to the September meeting of the Board.

Replying to Commissioner Keaveney regarding the yellow line on the Bobby Burke Road/Dunmore Road junction the Town Engineer said he would investigate.

Commissioner Ward told the Members that a "Jobs Club" would be opened in Tuam by mid October. It would provide a list of potential Employers and Employees.

A vote of Sympathy was passed with Ms. Mary Dunne, County Council Office on the death of her Mother also to the Roache Family, Toberjarlath road on the death of Ann.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CATHAOIRLEACH

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th June, 2000.

- Present:** Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly - outgoing
Commissioners: P. O'Grady, P. Warren, M. Kelly, P. McHugh,
C. Keaveney, J. Burke, G. Browne-Lane, M. Ward.
- Officials:** Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Election of Cathaoirleach:

The outgoing Cathaoirleach thanked everybody for their support and help during the past year - the Assistant County Manager, the Town Engineer, the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board and the Press. He thanked Chief Supt. Fennell, Supt Forde and the Garda Siochana for their co-operation at all times also Ms. Annette Woods, Traffic Warden. He congratulated Tuam No-Name Club who were recently honoured with a Civic Reception also St. Patricks School for which a Civic reception would be hosted after the meeting. He wished St. Jarlath's College every success with the celebration of their bi-centenary. He wished the Galway footballers every success and Jarlath Fallon a speedy recovery from injury.

He paid tribute to the work of the Tuam Tidy Towns Committee - Chairman, Michael McGrath and Secretary, Ann Collins. He congratulated the Social Housing Committee and thanked Galway County Council for initiating the Affordable Housing Scheme in Tuam.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

He said he was confident that funding would be made available to Tuam Stadium and he hoped the refurbishment of the Town Hall would be completed soon. He then invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that Commissioner Burke be elected to hold the office of Cathaoirleach of Tuam Town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Burke was elected. He then took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder. He paid tribute to the commitment of the outgoing Cathaoirleach during his year in office. He said he hoped Temple Jarlath would be dealt with during the year as this monument was of vital importance to Tuam and hoped that the Dublin-Galway motorway route would be north of Athenry.

Election of leas-chathaoirleach:

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the position of leas-chathaoirleach. It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that Commissioner Kelly be elected Leas-chathaoirleach of tuam town Commissioners for the coming year. There being no other proposal Commissioner Kelly was elected. Commissioner Kelly thanked the Members.

Commissioner McHugh thanked Commissioner Reilly for his year as Cathaoirleach. He congratulated Commissioner Burke on his election as Cathaoirleach and Commissioner Kelly on his election as leas-chathaoirleach. He said there was a positive feeling about Tuam. He praised the involvement of Galway County Council - Tuam Swimming Pool, The Town Hall, Urban Renewal, Decentralisation, Voluntary Housing and affordable Housing. He said there was strong links and co-operation between the County Council and the Town Commissioners. He paid particular tribute to Mr. John Tierney, Assistant County Manager.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town clerk

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CATHAOIRLEACH

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26th June, 2000

A Chara,

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on Tuesday, 27th June, 2000 at ~~7.00~~^{7.30} p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... Angela Holian Bajle Cleireach
AGENDA

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a Community Warden Scheme.

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To each Town Commissioner 26th June, 2000

A Chara,

The **Annual** Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on **Tuesday, 27th June, 2000** at 7 00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

..... *Angel Nolan* Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Election of Cathaoirleach

Election of leas chataoirleach

Matters arising from Minutes

The Cathaoirleach told Members that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Páidí Gleeson W.E.R.S.

Regarding Ceda, the Assistant County Manager said he would send a copy of a written report to each Member.

Regarding Centralisation the Assistant County Manager said the submission had gone to the Board and an acknowledgement had been received. Each Member had been sent a copy. Commissioner Ward said some groups had been excluded.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the whole document will be updated as a document on Teams and will be available for interested parties and for the promotion of Tuam generally. Further submissions can be added and would be welcomed.

a Community Ward Scheme.

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Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6th June, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly

Commissioners: M. Ward, M. Kelly, P. Warren, P. McHugh,
P. O'Grady, G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Paul Gleeson, W.E.R.S.

Regarding Cedar court the Assistant County Manager said he would send a copy of a written report to each Member.

Regarding Decentralisation the Assistant County Manager said the submission had gone to the Department and an acknowledgement had been received. Each Member had been sent a copy. Commissioner Ward said some groups had been excluded.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the whole document will be updated as a document on Tuam and will be available for interested parties and for the promotion of Tuam generally. Further submissions can be added and would be welcomed.

Regarding the Town Hall the Town Engineer said work was continuing on the lift shaft and motor room for the hydraulics and electric's. It is hoped that the partitions and plastering of the walls will be finished by the end of the year.

Regarding Traffic Management the Assistant County Manager said submissions will be taken into consideration. Work on "pay and display" parking is continuing.

Regarding Tuam Stadium a letter from Mr. Seamus Mannion, Regional Manager, W.H.B. was read. This was not taken as a reply to the Commissioners letter. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh that if no reply is received that the Clerk write to the W.H.B. and seek a reply.

The Cathaoirleach said he was hopeful that funding would be made available.

Regarding the Civic Amenity Centre Mr. Liam Gavin, Galway County Council was welcomed to the meeting.

Commissioner Browne-Lane stated that a list of everything that can be taken to the amenity centre should be circulated to every home in the town. She said there was good will towards recycling but not enough information was available. People felt they would be charged for bringing cardboard to the amenity centre. She also said the bottle bank at Abbey Trinity was an eye-sore. Commissioner Kelly said elderly People had no way of bring garden waste to the centre.

Mr. Gavin replied that leaflets had been circulated to homes around the County but this can be done again. Also information had gone to the local Newspaper. He said the Civic Amenity Centre is under used. Cardboard from the domestic sector will be taken free of charge. Regarding large items which cannot be re-cycled, a special collection will be arranged three or four times per year. Regarding the bottle bank at Abbey Trinity agreement has been reached with a contractor to renovate the site.

Tuam is one of the centres being looked at for household collection of composting waste. He said there was a waiting list for household composters. Galway County Council will advertise when the composter scheme starts again. Commissioner Burke paid tribute to the work done by the Tidy Towns Committee.

Mr. Gavin was thanked for attending the meeting.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the I.A.P. the Assistant County Manager said that six proposals had been received for Abbey Trinity. No proposal had been received for the Shambles. He recommended that the Shambles be included as a "pay and display" parking area on a leasing/profit sharing arrangement with the Council. If this was agreed he would come back to the Board with proposals. It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that the Shambles be developed as a "pay and display" car park as recommended by the Assistant County Manager. Replying to Commissioner Kelly he said other parking facilities were being pursued.

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that Galway County had been approved for a Community Warden Scheme.

Regarding Tuam Swimming Pool the Assistant County Manager confirmed that the preliminary report for the refurbishment of the Pool had been approved.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 10th April 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - There was unanimous support for the following Motion - to be submitted to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - That money lodged in banks which may be taken over by the Government be used for Community purposes.

Letter dated 4th May, 2000 from Office of an Tanaiste and Minister for enterprise, Trade and Employment - read.

Letters dated 9th May, 2000 and 30th May, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D., Minister for Science, technology and Commerce - read.

Letter dated 18th May, 2000 from Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary, Galway County Council - It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane and agreed that Commissioner Kelly represent the Board on the Housing Service SPC.

Letters dated 17th May, 2000 and 23rd May, 2000 from office of Dr. James McDaid, T.D., Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation - read.

Letter dated 17th May, 2000 from Superintendent P. Forde - read.

Letter dated 18th May, 2000 from Mr. S. Gleeson, Area Manager, Bus Eireann - The Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Gleeson.

Letter dated 6th June, 2000 from Mr. Vincent Conniffe, Dublin Road, Tuam - It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a meeting with Supt. Forde be sought.

Letter dated 30th May, 2000 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland - It was proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Cathaoirleach attend this conference.

Urban District Council Status:

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that a meeting be called to discuss the Town Boundary.

Traffic Management:

Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding the Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road the Town Engineer said the materials were ordered.

Regarding entrance to "Waterslate Downs", Tullinadaly road the Town Engineer said he would look and see what can be done.

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady regarding the Gilmartin Road/Galway Road junction and Commissioner Kelly regarding the Cloonthue Road/Church View junction the Town Engineer said he would have a report for the next meeting.

The Town Engineer agreed to investigate regarding the entrance to Woodfield, Galway Road.

N17:

The Assistant County Manager confirmed that the 'N17' proposals had been published and would be on display in Maloney's on Thursday 8th June, 2000.

Annual Meeting:

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday 27th June, 2000 and that the July meeting be brought forward to the same date.

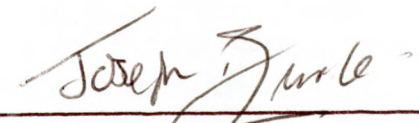
A vote of Sympathy was passed with the following Families.

Kelly Family, Tullinadaly Road on the death of Evelyn
Talty Family, Church View on the death of Maura
Quinn Family, Athenry Road on the death of Sean
Gilligan Family, Cloonfush on the death of Tommy

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY


CATHAOIRLEACH

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To each Town Commissioner
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May, 2000
31st May, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday 6th June, 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holan
Baile Cleireach

AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban District Council Status

Local Government Bill

Mr. T. Smith, School Transport Officer

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

To the Members the Assistant County Manager said he would get clarification on the matter raised for the next meeting - more clarity on what can be taken to the amenity centre Composter/brochures to every house; Posters in supermarkets and pubs; Contracts; advertising. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that a deputation meet with Mr. Paul Gleeson, W.E.R.S. The deputation to consist of Commissioner O'Grady, Commissioner Burke and the Cathaoirleach.

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Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May, 2000

- Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly
- Commissioners: M. Ward, P. McHugh, P. O'Grady,
C. Keaveney, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke
- Apology: Commissioner Warren
- Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Members who deputised for him during his illness.
The Members congratulated Commissioner Keaveney on his marriage.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said he would get clarification on the points raised for the next meeting - more clarity on what can be taken to the amenity centre; Composter/brochures to every house; Posters in supermarkets and pubs; Contractor advertising. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that a deputation meet with Mr. Paul Gleeson, W.E.R.S. The deputation to consist of Commissioner O'Grady, Commissioner Burke and the Cathaoirleach.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the I.A.P. the Assistant County Manager said the closing date for proposals should be 12th May, 2000 not 12th June, 2000 as in the minutes of the April meeting.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly regarding alternate parking he said he was awaiting clarification.

Regarding ownership of the Shambles Mr. Tierney said the Town Commissioners had a 999 year lease from 1856. Galway County Council purchased the freehold in 1964.

Regarding Cedar Court the Assistant County Manager said he hoped to have a report for the next meeting.

The Assistant County Manager announced that Galway County Council planned to install a roundabout at the Toberjarlath/New Estate, Dublin Road junction. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady he said the roundabout will not tie in with the Racecourse Road. The Members welcomed the provision of the roundabout and thanked the Manager.

Regarding Decentralisation the Assistant County Manager stated that the submission will be sent to the Department by the 5th May, 2000. A copy of the submission would be circulated to each Member. He thanked the Committee members for taking part.

The Members thanked Mr. Tierney, Mr. James O'Donnell and other officials of Galway County Council for their work on this project.

Regarding the Town Hall the Town Engineer stated that the lift shaft was being worked on and toilets were being installed. Re-slating of the roof was being considered.

Commissioner Kelly asked that a bus shelter be provided at Vicar Street. It was decided to contact Mr. T. Smith, regarding parking of school buses.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 30th March, 2000 from Gorey Town Commissioners - there was unanimous support for the following notice of motion - "That, in the light of further damning reports on the Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant, Gorey Town Commissioners demand its closure and shall communicate this view to the British Embassy and the British Ministry of the Environment".

It was agreed to write to Mr. Joe Jacob, T.D.

Letter dated 31st March, 2000 from Wexford Corporation - there unanimous support for the following resolution - "That this Council call on the Government to exclude all Old Age Pensioners, who have reached the age of 70, from paying tax on their pensions".

Urban District Council Status:

The Assistant County Manager stated that he had contacted the Department. Upgrading last took place in 1906. The present Legislation was found to be inoperable. The new Bill should be published before the next meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that Urban District Council Status stay on the agenda.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Burke that a committee be formed to look at the Boundaries and the Population of the town and report back to the board. The committee to consist of Commissioners McHugh, Burke, O'Grady and Kelly. "Local Government Bill" to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Traffic Management:

The Town Engineer circulated a map showing the town centre - parking restrictions in red and blue, loading bays in green. He said there were no changes to the flow of traffic. Signs were being erected directing heavy traffic away from the town centre. Parking spaces for the disabled have been provided at a number of locations. There will be three pedestrian crossings at Dublin Road as well as the pedestrian crossing at the Square. A lining scheme is planned for the Blackacre junction. Lighting on the Galway Road will be extended to the 40 m.p.h. speed limit. He said resources were not available at present to provide lights or a hard shoulder on the Bobby Burke road.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding parking the Assistant County Manager said proposals to introduce pay and display would be put before Galway County Council in June.

Regarding Foster Place it was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that Foster Place be made two-way.

Regarding Egan Lane it was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that traffic from Egan Lane not enter Shop Street. It was decided that no recommendation be made at present on Chapel Lane.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that yellow lines be removed from the entrance to Mill Museum. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke

and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that yellow lines be retained on entrance to Mill Museum. No decision was taken regarding a recommendation on this matter.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that yellow lines from The Bridge, Shop Street to Foster Place be removed - Garveys to be facilitated. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding the Tullinadaly Road/Foster Place junction the Town Engineer said parking was prohibited for 5 metres from a junction.

Replying to Commissioner Burke regarding the Traffic Lights on Milltown Road the Town Engineer said the suppliers had been requested to adjust the lights. Commissioner Burke asked that a sign for Castlebar be erected.

Regarding the Square it was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Burke that paving outside the Town Hall be removed in order that traffic going to Bishop Street will not be held up by traffic going to High Street also on the other side so that traffic from Bishop Street to Vicar Street or Dublin Road is not held up by traffic going to High Street.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that the 30 mph speed limits be moved to where the 40 mph speed limits are at present and the 40 mph speed limits be moved further out.

It was proposed by Commissioner Ward and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that the Gardai be asked to monitor speeding on Gilmartin Road.

Abstract of Accounts.

The Assistant County Manager told the Members that the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1999 was now finalised. In the Capital Account there was a credit balance of 89,641 at 31/12/99 in comparison with 73,291 at 1/1/99. Revenue expenditure for the year was 49,708 while receipts were 70,949 bringing the credit balance to 31,316 as at 31st December, 1999. He recommended that 10,000 be spent on the footpaths in the town.

The Abstract of Accounts and for 1999 and overexpenditures, which were met from savings under other headings, were approved on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Commissioner McHugh. Expenditure from the Credit Balance of 10,000 on footpaths was also approved.

It was agreed that a banner on behalf of 'Gateswide theatre group' be erected on the Town Hall.

It was agreed to proceed with arrangements regarding the reception for the 'Pioneer Association'.

Tuam 'No Name Club' were congratulated on winning the All-Ireland Talent Competition.

Tuam Stadium:

Burke
Commissioner, referred to an article in the Irish Independent regarding Tuam stadium. According to the article there seemed to be a second report on the Stadium. Nobody on the Stadium Committee was aware of this second report and he took grave exception to the matter being leaked to the press. The Western Health Board should have discussed the matter with the Stadium committee.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to the Western Health Board and ask that they investigate the source of the leak and the motives for the leak.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the clerk write to Minister McDaid and ask him to allocate interim money so work may be carried out at the stadium.

Replying to the Members the Assistant County Manager said a report had been received by the County council but until same was studied he would be unable to comment.

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of Sympathy with Commissioner O'Grady on the death of his Mother. A vote of Sympathy was also passed with the following Families.

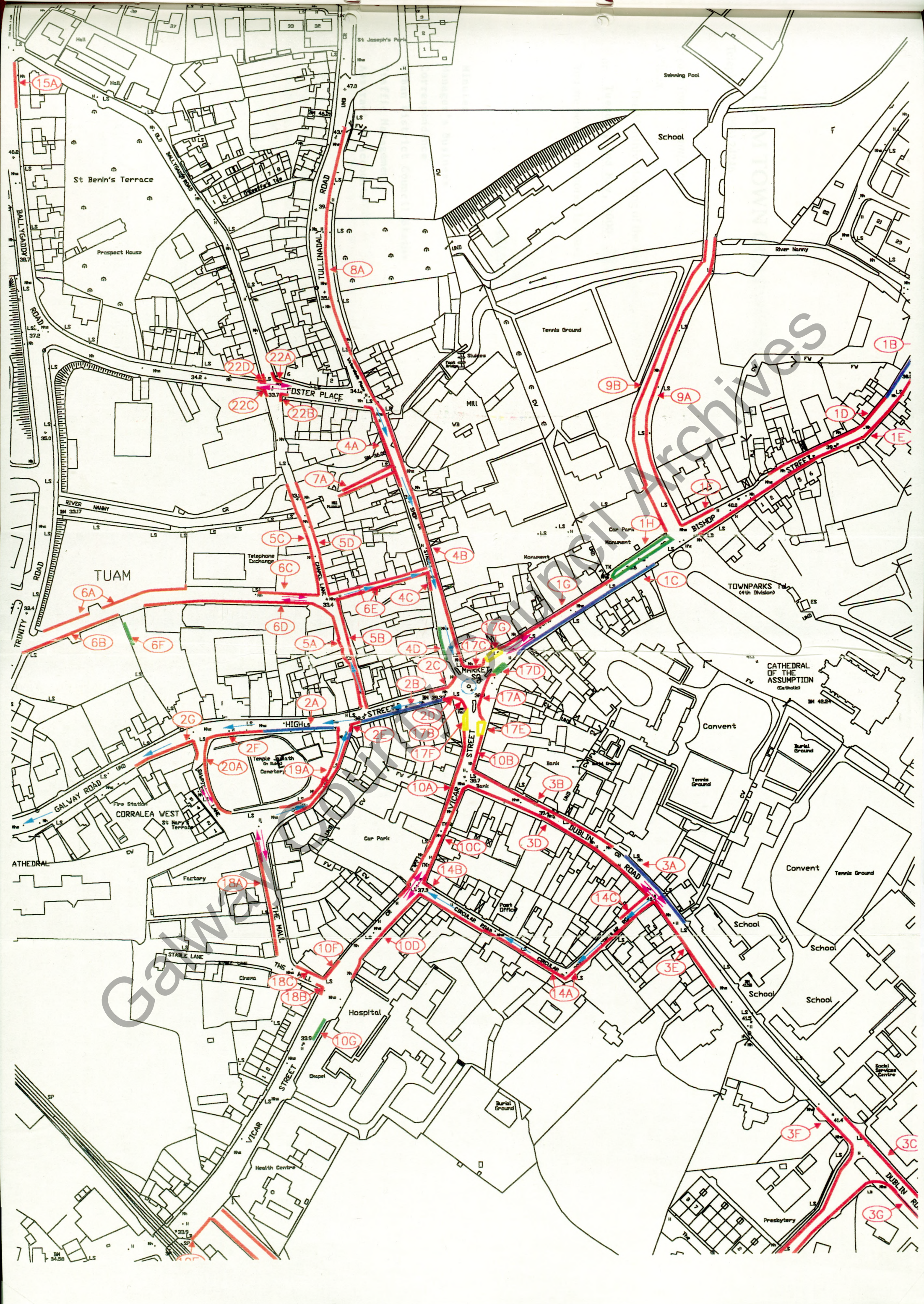
King Family, Killiloonty on the death of Rita
Courtney Family, Abbey Trinity on the death of Mary
Ward Family, Parkmore on the death of Pa
Mullins Family, Kilbannon on the death of Brian
O'Grady Family, Killilane on the death of Stephen
Cullinane Family, Cloonthue on the death of Kathleen

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY _____

CATHAOIRLEACH



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To each Town Commissioner 27th April, 2000

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Mise le meas,

Angela Holian Baile Cleireach
AGENDA

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Correspondence

Urban District Council Status

Traffic Management

Abstract of Accounts

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Minutes

Tuam Town Commissioners

The minutes of the March meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Warren.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 3rd April, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Burke in the Chair

Commissioners: M. Ward, G. Browne-Lane, M. Kelly,
P. O'Grady, P. Warren, P. McHugh,

Apology: Commissioner Reilly

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Mr. Liam Gavin, S.E.E., Galway County Council – Environment and Ms Annette Woods Traffic/Litter Warden were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Gavin outlined the policies of Galway County Council regarding litter. He said there will be an increased level of recycling. The Amenity centre (open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will now take newspapers/cardboard as well as clothes, bottles and cans free of charge. Items such as cookers, fridges, ovens, televisions, batteries etc. and garden waste will also be taken. Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane he said a new collection system for compostable waste is planned and each household will be issued with a bin for compostable waste. Another bottle bank will be provided in Tuam later in the year.

Ms Woods said she was working in co-operation Resident Associations and the Business People. She has visited the colleges and will visit all the schools. She has an agreement with the "fast food" Operators to clean up outside their own premises. There will be a major "clean-up" in Tuam on 10th April. A letter was being issued to every household in the town. With regard to litter offences summonses have been issued and court appearances will follow. The Members complimented Mr. Gavin and Ms. Woods on the trojan work being done.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Warren.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding Cedar Court the Assistant County Manager said the matter was being investigated and it was hoped to have a report for the next meeting.

Replying to Commissioner O'Grady the Town Engineer said action would be taken regarding potholes on Bishop Street and following the refurbishment of the footpaths the street would be tarmacadamed.

Commissioner McHugh stated that he would be submitting a notice of motion re: lighting in the Square similar to lighting in the mall area and proposed that ducting be installed when paths are being refurbished. He asked that the light standards include a facility for hanging baskets. The Town Engineer stated that the urban renewal programme for this year had not been devised yet.

Commissioner McHugh stated that the Deputation from City of Tuam Festival would be unable to attend. He stated that the launch of the show day and festival would be on 28th July, 2000. The agricultural show would take place in Browns Grove on 30th July, 2000 and the Tuam Festival would be held on the 5th and 6th August, 2000. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the festival committee use the town crest.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager replied to a number of queries on the Shambles. He said it was over two years since the I.A.P. was developed and the shambles was proposed for designation. There had been extensive consultation locally. The matter had been debated by the Commissioners on a number of occasions. At the January Meeting the Commissioners had decided that the brief should be developed by the Council, tenders sought and proposals examined before making the final decision on the site. He was adhering to this procedure. He had met with the Traders and will meet with them again before the end of May. He said he will come back to the Board with recommendations in due course. He would not recommend anything detrimental to Tuam and the decision of the Board will be final. He said a special meeting may have to be called in June. He advised the Board that the closing date for proposals had been extended until the 12th June, 2000.

Decentralisation:

The Assistant County Manager stated that a committee meeting had been arranged for Thursday morning at 8.30 a.m. in the Imperial Hotel. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Cathaoirleach represent the Board on the Committee. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Warren that Commissioner Kelly also represent the Board on the Committee.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 2nd March, 2000 from Aqua-Fact international Services Ltd. Re: drainage of the Nanny River. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed to write letter of support.

Letter dated 21st February, 2000 from The Rosemary Nelson campaign for truth and justice - read

Letter dated 3rd February, 2000 from National Steering Committee of Nuclear Free Local Authorities – There was unanimous support for the work of the Steering Committee

Letter dated 18th February, 2000 from Wexford Corporation – There was unanimous support for the following resolution: "That this Borough Council call on the Minister for Finance to meet the Credit Union Association so that a solution can be found to the present difficulties between the Minister and the association."

Letter dated 15th February, 2000 from Ardee Town Commissioners – There was unanimous support for the following motion: "Ardee Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Enterprise, trade & Employment to take action to stop the discriminatory policy of Insurance Companies by loading certain drivers because of where they live, and that the Minister investigate the entire insurance industry who have been operating without any controls and have been charging exhorbitant rates to motorists and businesses.

Letter dated 17th February, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister for Science, Technology & Commerce – read

Letter dated 8th March, 2000 from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners – There was unanimous support for the following motion: “That Ballyshannon Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to amend the guidelines drawn up for the establishment of Strategic Policy Committees, to allow for a substantial increase in the level of membership from Town Authorities”.

Letter dated 20th March, 2000 from Mr. L. Meagher, Divisional Engineer, Iarnrod Eireann – read

Letter dated 22nd March, 2000 from office of Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for the Environment and Local Government – read

Letter dated 24th March, 2000 from Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary, Galway County Council re: Urban District Council status for Tuam. Commissioner O’Grady objected to the letter and proposed that the Board proceed on the notice of motion agreed at the previous meeting.

The Assistant County Manager stated that upgrading to U.D.C. status was a complicated procedure. The procedure, involving a petition, has not been used since it was introduced in 1899. If the provision is addressed in the local Government Bill it may be simplified. Commissioner O’Grady asked that the “current legal position” be clarified.

Speed Limits:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding speed limits on the Milltown road the Assistant County Manager said Galway County Council were currently looking at speed limits. Traffic Management to be included on the agenda for the May meeting.

The Cathaoirleach was wished a speedy recovery.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,

SIGNED BY _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

Minutes:

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29th March, 2000

To each Town Commissioner

29th March, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Monday, 3rd April, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Officials:

Mr. D. O'Donnell
Mr. J. T. O'Grady, M. Ward, G. Brown
Mrs. A. Scaveney
Cathairleach: Commissioner Kelly in the Chair
Commissioner O'Grady, M. Ward, G. Brown
C. Scaveney
Commissioner Kelly
Commissioner Burke

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Manager's Business

Correspondence

Urban District Council Status

Mr. Liam Gavin & Ms. Annette Woods

Commissioner Kelly welcomed Mrs. Kay Quinn and Mrs. Kathleen Long, on behalf of the Cedar Court Residents Association, to the meeting. Mrs. Long stated that roads and footpaths in the Cedar Court Estate are in a deplorable condition. She said the Cedar Court/Galway junction is used as a turning point and this has eroded that section of the road. Also water from Galway Road flows into Cedar Court further adding to the erosion of the road. There are two derelict sites, one owned by the Developer and one private site. A copy of the reply received from Galway County Council regarding the roads has been sent to the Developer.

They asked if the Developer had approached the County Council regarding "taking over the Estate" and asked that the Council pursue the Developer regarding repairs to the road. The Deputation then left.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Engineer would investigate

rehabilitation programs - infrastructure, water, sewerage, swimming pool, schools etc. and will have the full support of Galway County Council. He suggested a committee of between eight and ten people.

Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7th March, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Kelly in the Chair

Commissioners: P. O'Grady, M. Ward, G. Browne-Lane,
P. McHugh, P. Warren, C. Keaveney

Apology: Commissioner Reilly, Commissioner Burke

Officials: Mr. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager
Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the Members for their good wishes during his illness. He welcomed Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, County Manager to the meeting.

Commissioner Kelly welcomed Mrs. Kay Quinn and Mrs. Kathleen Long, on behalf of the Cedar Court Residents Association, to the meeting. Mrs. Long stated that roads and footpaths in Cedar Court Estate are in a deplorable condition. She said the Cedar Court/Galway Road junction is used as a turning point and this has eroded that section of the road also water from Galway Road flows into Cedar Court further adding to the erosion of the road. There are two derelict sites, one owned by the Developer, and a private site. A copy of the reply received from Galway County Council regarding the roads has been sent to the Developer.

They asked if the Developer had approached the County Council regarding "taking over the Estate" and asked that the Council pursue the Developer regarding repairs to the road. The Deputation then left.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Engineer would investigate.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner McHugh.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding the Pedestrian Crossing at the Square the Assistant County Manager stated that surface delineation is being examined by the Town Engineer.

A Pedestrian Crossing will be provided at Parkmore/Dublin Road.

Regarding "The Grove" the Assistant County Manager said he would contact the Chief Executive of the Bon Secours.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager presented drawings of the proposed refurbishment of Tuam Swimming Pool. He said the cost of the refurbishment was estimated at between £2.4m. and £2.7m. Replying to Commissioner O'Grady he said it was hoped to install a hoist prior to the refurbishment work being carried out. It was agreed that the drawings be displayed in the swimming pool.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that Tuam Town Commissioners ask that the "Cap" applied two years ago be lifted.

Regarding the I.A.P. the Assistant County Manager said that requests for tenders/proposals would be advertised within the next two weeks for both Abbey Trinity and the Shambles. He said he would have a further meeting with the Vicar Street Traders and report back to the Commissioners in May for a final decision.

Government Decentralisation Programme:

The Assistant County Manager stated that following the announcement to relocate approximately 10,000 Civil Servants a local committee should be set up to prepare a submission. The County Manager said Tuam is well positioned to gain from the decentralisation programme - infrastructure, water, sewerage, swimming pool, schools etc. and will have the full support of Galway County Council. He suggested a committee of between eight and ten people.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady, that representatives from political, commercial, education, religious, cultural, artistic, community and sport be invited to form a committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that the Archbishop be invited to represent the religious on the committee. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that the Assistant County Manager be part of the committee.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the Assistant County Manager for including decentralisation on the agenda.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 7th March, 2000 from Athenry & Tubberjarlath Roads Residents Association. It was agreed to write to Iarnrod Eireann.

Letter dated 7th March, 2000 from City of Tuam Festival Committee. It was decided to invite the committee to the next meeting.

Letter dated 2nd February, 2000 from Engineering Services, O.P.W. It was decided to write to Farragher & Co.

Letter dated 22nd February, 2000 from Mr. Paul Connaughton, T.D., together with letter from N.R.A. regarding the proposed Athlone to Galway duel carriageway.

Letter dated 18th February, 2000 from Mr. Michael P. Kitt, T.D. together with letter from N.R.A. regarding the proposed Athlone to Galway duel carriageway.

Letter dated 18th February, 2000 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T.D. Minister for Science, Technology & Commerce together with letter from N.R.A. regarding the proposed Athlone to Galway duel carriageway.

The County Manager stated that £4.7b will be spend upgrading roads connecting Dublin with Galway, Cork and Belfast. The cost of the proposed new duel carriageway from Dublin to Galway and from Galway to Tuam is estimated at £520m. Until the constraints/options study is available proposed routes will not be known.

It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that the Tuam to Galway duel carriageway be a new route.

Notices of Motion:

- (1) Commissioner Ward spoke on his motion regarding a pro-life referendum. He said abortion is murder. He said "Galway for life" had prepared a presentation, which he distributed, to each Member. Commissioners Keaveney, McHugh,

Browne-Lane and O'Grady felt it would be wise to wait for the findings of the review body established by the Government.

- (2) Regarding Commissioner Burke's notice of motion there was unanimous support For the proposal to invite Mr. Liam Gavin, Galway County Council and Ms. Annette Woods, Traffic/Litter Warden to the April meeting of the Board.
- (3) Commissioner O'Grady spoke on his motion regarding Urban District Status for Tuam. He said Tuam is growing fast and will soon have a population of 12,000 Or 13,000 People. There was unanimous support for the motion. Urban District Staus to be included on the agenda each month.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk,

SIGNED BY


CATHAOIRLEACH

Tuam Town Commissioners

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner

1st March, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 8th March, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Hoban
..... Baile Cleireach

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Manager's Business

Government Decentralisation Programme

Correspondence

Cedar Court Residents Association

Notices of Motion: (1) Commissioner Ward

"That Tuam Town Commissioners call on the Government to introduce without delay, a prolife referendum, which will ensure the protection of unborn children".

(2) Commissioner Burke

"I will ask Tuam Town Commissioners to invite Mr. Liam Gavin and Ms. Annette Woods to the April meeting in order to address/update Traffic and Litter in Tuam".

(3) Commissioner O'Grady

"That Tuam Town Commissioners immediately seek Urban District Council Status and commence with the immediate administrative details with both Galway County Council and The Department of the Environment, to ensure the formal application is made and to have monthly updates on progress of the application until the anticipated positive responses and decision are forthcoming".

Replying to Commissioner Burke he said there was a programme for hydron replacement.

The Members thanked Mr. Shaughnessy for attending the meeting and paid tribute to him and his staff in Tuam for their service to the town over the years.

Tuam Town Commissioners

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 1st February, 2000

Present: Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly

Commissioners: M. Ward, P. O'Grady, J. Burke, P. Warren,
G. Browne-Lane, C. Keaveney, P. McHugh

Apology: Commissioner Kelly

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The Prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a deputation from Old Tuam Society – Dr. T. Claffey, Mr. P. O'Hora and Mr. W. Mannion. Dr. Claffey stated that the Shambles and the centre of Tuam was one of the most important archaeological Sites in the Country. Tuam has 200 years of architecture overground and 2000 years of archaeology underground. Tuam a pre-Norman town, has 1000 years of Urban Development. Dr. Claffey explained that the O.P.W. have reviewed the town and described it as archaeologically very sensitive. He said every effort should be made to safeguard and preserve this heritage.

He said a copy of the O.P.W.'s report is with Galway County Council. The Deputation then left.

The Assistant County Manager stated that he had met with the Old Tuam Society in January. Safeguards are in place.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. John Shaugnessy, Chief Fire Officer, Galway County Council to the meeting. Replying to the Cathaoirleach Mr. Shaugnessy said there was no prospect of a full-time Fire officer being employed at Tuam because of the impracticality and cost of same. There are ten part-time people at present employed in Tuam and this will increase to fifteen. The provision of a yard and tower is included in a five year plan. One new fire appliance has been ordered. He said Galway city will retain the call-out facility.

Replying to Commissioner Burke he said there was a programme for hydrant replacement.

The Members thanked Mr. Shaugnessy for attending the meeting and paid tribute to him and his staff in Tuam for their service to the town over the years.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Deputation from the Board - Commissioners Burke, Commissioner O'Grady, Commissioner Mc Hugh and the Cathaoirleach - together with four Members of Tuam Stadium Committee will meet with Minister McDaid on Wednesday 9th February, 2000 in Dublin.

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that a meeting of the County Development Board had taken place. He said Tuam Town Commissioners will represent the Local Authorities from August, 2001 to 2002. He said the lifetime of the Board will end in 2004.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the January Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Matters arising from Minutes:

Regarding the "Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol" seminar the Members congratulated Supt. Ford, Chief Supt. Fennell, the Western Health Board and Garda Noel Clarke, however a number of Members commented on the manner of the arrangements. The Cathaoirleach replied to these comments. Commissioner Keaveney said he was not aware the seminar was confined to Parents and Teachers. He felt young People would have benefited from the seminar.

Commissioner Browne-Lane asked that bunting be removed from the Town Hall. She complimented the Town Engineer and staff on the Pedestrian Crossing. Regarding a raised area the Assistant County Manager said this was being considered.

Regarding entrances to Parkmore the Assistant County Manager said he was having discussions with the Traffic Design Department.

Regarding the visit of the Mayor of Straubing the Cathaoirleach said he was honoured to welcome Herr Perlak to Tuam. He thanked the Tuam Straubing Twinning Committee and all involved with the event. Commissioner O'Grady suggested that the Board consider another twin Town, maybe in the U.S. Commissioner Burke proposed a town in Northern Ireland such as Armagh. The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the naming of "Tuam Street" in Straubing may not go ahead until next year. It was proposed by Commissioner Browne-Lane, seconded by Commissioner McHugh and agreed to plan an official visit to Straubing.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane re: moving the 30 m.p.h. speed limits further out the Town Engineer stated that a submission had been made to the National Roads Authority concerning Galway Road and Milltown Road.

The Assistant County Manager stated that speed limits are due for review in March 2000.

Commissioner O'Grady told the Members that negotiations were continuing regarding "The Grove". He requested the Assistant County Manager to contact the Chief Executive, Western Health Board.

Commissioner Burke stated that there was extreme support for the Motion regarding the Galway/Athlone dual carriageway. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady and agreed that seven County Councillors accompany the deputation from the Board to the N.R.A.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that the draft proposals for Tuam Swimming Pool are being examined by the Technical Staff of the Council.

Regarding the I.A.P. Mr. Tierney said he met with the Vicar Street Traders. He advised them of the decision of the Board. He agreed to meet with their full Committee when proposals had been developed further.. He will report back to the Commissioners.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 20th January, 2000 from the Office of Public Works – read

Letter dated 25th January, 2000 from Western Development Commission – read

Letter dated 27th January, 2000 from Office of Minister for the Environment and Local Government – read

Letters dated 19th and 31st January, 2000 from Michael P. Kitt, T.D. – read

Letter dated 19th January, 2000 from Noel Treacy, T.D., Minister for Science, Technology and Commerce – read

Letter dated 20th January, 2000 from Paul Connaughton, T. D. – read

Letter dated 11th January, 2000 from Balbriggan Town Commissioners – read

Letter dated 26th January, 2000 from Mayo County Council – read

Letter dated 27th January, 2000 from Ms. Eileen Delaney, Principal, Vocational School, Tuam – read

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion regarding natural gas for the West of Ireland. He presented a map of the railway lines and proposed that a network for gas be provided along the railway structure. Commissioner McHugh stated that a route has already been identified and firm of Consultants have been engaged by Bord Gais. The decision taken will be good for Tuam and North Galway.

Commissioner Browne-Lane stated that the charges for refuse collection had now gone to £180.00. She expressed concern that the increased charges will lead to indiscriminate dumping. Commissioner Ward stated that black bags were being dumped at a vacant house at Gilmartin Road. He appealed to Galway County Council to look at the situation as a matter of urgency.

The Assistant County Manager said he was unable to comment as he had not seen the notice referred to. He said charges at landfill are justifiable – the polluter pays. Charges at landfill will increase.

Commissioner Kelly was wished a speedy recovery.

This concluded the meeting.

Recorded by,
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Manager's Business

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS 27th January, 2000

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner
27th January, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held

on Tuesday, 1st February, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Holian, Baile Cleireach

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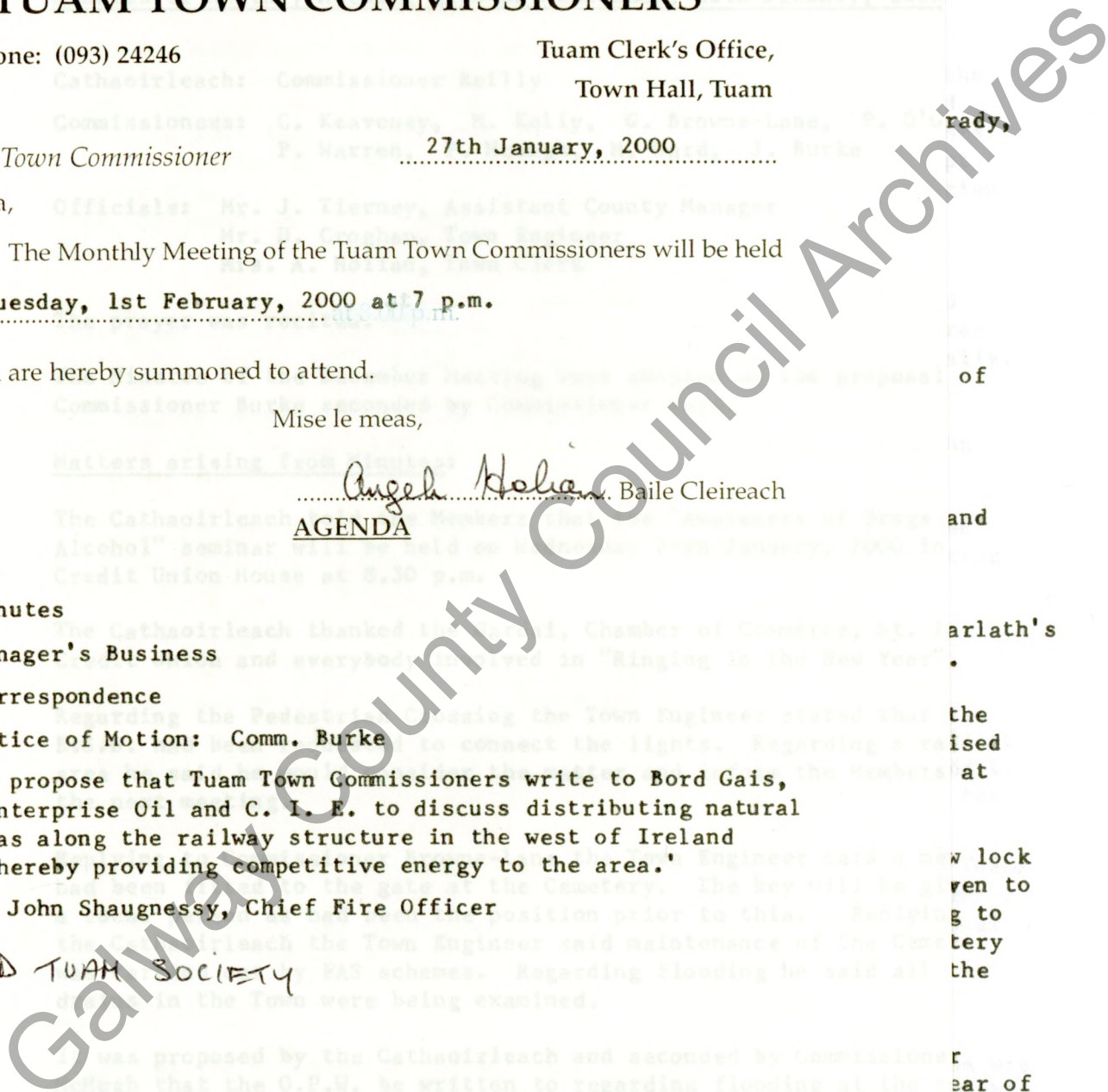
Correspondence

Notice of Motion: Comm. Burke

'I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners write to Bord Gais, Enterprise Oil and C. I. E. to discuss distributing natural gas along the railway structure in the west of Ireland thereby providing competitive energy to the area.'

Mr. John Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer

OLD TUAM SOCIETY



TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th January, 2000

Present:

Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly

Commissioners: C. Keaveney, M. Kelly, G. Browne-Lane, P. O'Grady,
P. Warren, P. McHugh, M. Ward, J. Burke

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The prayer was recited.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the December Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that the "Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol" seminar will be held on Wednesday 26th January, 2000 in Credit Union House at 8.30 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Gardai, Chamber of Commerce, St. Jarlath's Credit Union and everybody involved in "Ringing in the New Year".

Regarding the Pedestrian Crossing the Town Engineer stated that the E.S.B. had been requested to connect the lights. Regarding a raised area he said he would consider the matter and inform the Members at the next meeting.

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane the Town Engineer said a new lock had been fitted to the gate at the Cemetery. The key will be given to a local person as had been the position prior to this. Replying to the Cathaoirleach the Town Engineer said maintenance of the Cemetery was carried out by FAS schemes. Regarding Flooding he said all the drains in the Town were being examined.

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Commissioner McHugh that the O.P.W. be written to regarding flooding at the rear of Abbey Trinity.

Regarding the "Person of the Year" it was proposed by Commissioner McHugh, seconded by Commissioner Keaveney and agreed that the 1999 award not be proceeded with.

Manager's Business:

Regarding Tuam Swimming Pool the Assistant County Manager stated that a preliminary report will be prepared before the end of the month.

Regarding affordable houses the Assistant County Manager said a decision will be taken on who gets the houses before the end of the month. Commissioner Warren asked that speed controls be provided on Dublin Road especially at the entrance to the 'Affordable Houses' estate. Commissioner Burke requested that the Traffic Design Dept. examine Dublin Road re: 1) entrance to Parkmore Estate - Pedestrian Crossing badly needed 2) entrance to affordable Housing Estate 3) entrance to two new housing developments.

Replying to Commissioner Ward the Assistant County Manager stated that a maintenance programme, to be carried out over the next three years, is planned for the Dublin Road Estate and the Glebe initially.

Replying to Commissioner Kelly the Assistant County Manager said there were in excess of 100 applicants on the Tuam Housing waiting list.

Replying to Commissioner Burke the Assistant County Manager agreed to investigate re: the length of time houses are vacant before being allocated to a new Tenant.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 29th December, 1999 from Assoc. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the Cathaoirleach represent the Board at the Associations Spring Seminar 2000.

Letter dated 29th December, 1999 from Mr. Willi Kiefel, Chairman Tuam/ Straubing Twinning Committee. It was agreed to officially welcome Herr Reinhold Perlak, Mayor of Straubing on Saturday 29th January at 10.30 a.m. in Credit Union House.

I. A. P.

Regarding the Shambles the Assistant County Manager stated that he was pursuing the matter of alternative car parking. He said he met with representatives of Vicar Street Traders. He clarified the position on incentives available under the new Urban Renewal Scheme and proposals in relation to car parking. He plans to meet the Traders again on 2/2/2000. He recommended developing the Brief, getting in Tenders and examining proposals before making any decision on the disposal of the site.

He said the Old Tuam Society had raised certain concerns. He had met with them earlier in the day to clarify the position. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Grady, seconded by the Cathaoirleach and agreed to proceed on the basis as outlined by the Manager. It was agreed that 'Pay and display' parking be introduced as a matter of urgency.

It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that the Old Tuam Society be invited to the next meeting of the Board.

School Buses:

It was agreed to invite the School Transport Officer to the next meeting.

Notice of Motion:

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion re: the new dual carriageway from Galway to Athlone. He presented a map showing his proposed route. He proposed a dual carriageway from Tuam to meet the Galway/Athlone dual carriageway near Athenry.

There was unanimous support for the Motion. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to write to the four T. D.'s and request a deputation to the National Roads Authority. It was also agreed to write to the Western Development Commission.

Commissioner Burke spoke on his motion re: test center for older vehicles. He said by not having a test centre in Tuam traffic congestion on the N17 and Galway city is being added to. The Assistant County Manager stated that the County Council have written to the Department requesting test centers for Tuam and Ballinasloe. There was unanimous support for the motion.

It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by Commissioner Kelly that the Dept. be requested to address the cost of the test to the elderly.

Sympathy:

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy with Commissioner Kelly on the death of his brother. A vote of sympathy was also passed with the Families of the following:

Mrs. Lil Noone, Vicar Street
Tom Hahessy, Ardacong, Milltown Road
Mary Waters, Ballygaddy Road
Michael Maloney, Ballygaddy Road
Agnes Maloney, Ballygaddy Road
Mary Mannion, Gilmartin Road

Delorous Hurley, Abbey Trinity
Edna Bewsey, Dublin Road
Mary Higgins, Dublin Road
Rita Moran, Dublin Road
Mary Kate Carroll, Dublin Road
Al O'Dea, Headford
Mrs. Gormally, Browns Grove
Philip Larkin, Newtownmorris
Kieran Douglas, St. Enda's Ave
Catherine Kemple, Kilmore
Johnny Kavanagh, Brother of T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary

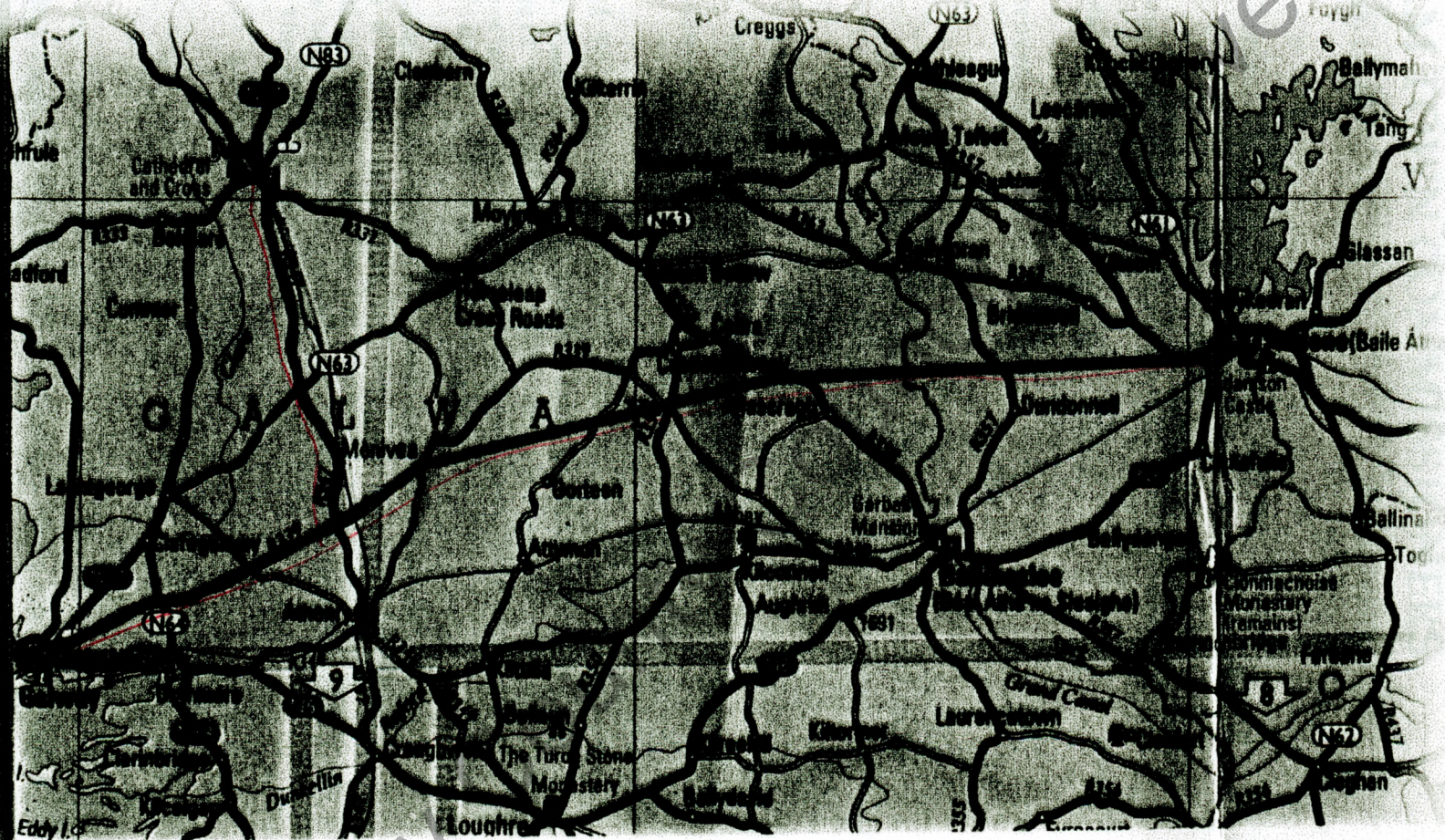
This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

SIGNED BY: _____

CATHAOIRLEACH

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Telephone: (093) 24246

Tuam Clerk's Office,
Town Hall, Tuam

To each Town Commissioner: 5th January, 2000

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Wednesday, 12th January, 2000 at 7 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angel Nolan
..... Baile Cleireach

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Manager's Business

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I. A. P.

Notices of Motion: Commissioner Burke

- (1) That Tuam Town Commissioners request Galway County Council to negotiate with the relevant Authority to insure a test centre for older vehicles be placed in Tuam to cover North Galway.
- (2) I propose that Tuam Town Commissioners request that the N. R. A. build the new dual carriageway between Athlone and Galway on the shortest route and that the new dual carriageway from Tuam to Galway meet it in the Athenry area.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that the "Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol" seminar will be held in January. It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to co-ordinate with Supt. Forde. The sub-committee to comprise of Commissioner Kelly - proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Burke,

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th December, 1999

Present:

Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly

Commissioners: J. Burke, P. McHugh, P. O'Grady, M. Ward,
M. Kelly, C. Keaveney, G. Browne-Lane,
P. Warren

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The prayer was recited.

Deputation:

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation from Tuam Stadium Committee - Mr. M. Bodkin, Mr. N. McGinn, Mr. P Talty and Mr. Seamus Kelly. Mr. Talty thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in highlighting the problems at Tuam Stadium. He particularly thanked the Cathaoirleach, Commissioner Burke and Commissioner O'Grady for attending their meetings. He said the G.A.A. County Board are preventing Tuam Stadium from getting grant aid from the G. A. A. and the Lottery. He said Pearse Stadium has been designated the No. 1 ground in the County. In the recent allocations of Lottery grants in Connaught Pearse Stadium got £350,000 Castlebar and Roscommon got £200,000 each while Tuam was again ignored. He gave an outline of the Stadium Committees financial situation and work which has to be completed. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that a "Plan of Action" be prepared. The Assistant County Manager stated that under the Sports Capital Programme for 2000 a seminar was being held in Galway on Saturday. Assistance will be provided to Groups to prepare applications.

Budget:

Commissioner Browne-Lane told the Members that a Deputation to the January Meeting would be sought if some elements of the Budget were not addressed. It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane and agreed to write to the Taoiseach and the Tainiste regarding the Budget.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Keaveney.

Matters arising from Minutes:

The Cathaoirleach told the Members that the "Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol" seminar will be held in January. It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to co-ordinate with Supt. Forde. The sub-committee to comprise of Commissioner Kelly - proposed by Commissioner O'Grady and seconded by Commissioner Burke,

Commissioner Browne-Lane - proposed by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by seconded by Commissioner Burke, and Commissioner O'Grady - proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Warren. The sub-committee to meet on Thursday 9th December at 11 a.m.

Pedestrian Crossing:

Replying to Commissioner Browne-Lane regarding the Pedestrian Crossing the Town Engineer said the suppliers of the equipment hope to have same before Christmas. Replying to Commissioner McHugh he said he would consider a brick/raised area at the Pedestrian Crossing.

Manager's Business:

Regarding the Swimming Pool the Assistant County Manager told the Members that Galway County Council had appointed a Firm of Consultants. It is intended to get Plans to the Department early in the new year.

Town Hall:

The Town Engineer told the Members the work is ongoing. It is hoped to have the job finished in 2000.

The Minutes of the November Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Warren.

"Ring in the New Year"

The Cathaoirleach stated that all local musicians will be at the Square to ring in the new Year. Music will be provided from 10.30p.m. to 12.30a.m. Glyns will provide a platform and St. Jarlath's Credit Union will provide lights and P.A. The Gardai have been informed.

The Assistant County Manager said Galway County Council and the Town Commissioners need to see the proposals.

Manager's Business:

The Assistant County Manager informed the Members that there will be an information evening regarding "Affordable Housing Scheme" in the Library on 16th December, 1999 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Regarding the Draft Development Plan Mr. Tierney said submissions on the original draft development plan will be before the County Council Meeting to be held on 20/12/'99. Amendments will go on display for one month which will allow for County Council approval in February 2000.

Notice of Motion:

The Cathaoirleach spoke on his motion re: a full-time Fireman for Tuam. He said with the population of the town increasing the time is right for a full time Fireman. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke seconded by Commissioner Kelly and agreed to invite Mr. John Shaugnessy, Fire Chief to the February meeting of the Board. The Cathaoirleach said he would withhold his motion until after the visit of Mr. Shaugnessy.

Correspondence:

The following letters were read, noted and agreed:

Letter dated 26/11/'99 from Ms. Kay Quinn re: the Cemetery. The Members appealed for extra funding for maintenance of the Cemetery. Replying to Commissioner Burke re: extending the Cemetery the Town Engineer said the adjoining field is being examined.

Letter dated 22/11/'99 from the County Secretary - read

Letter dated 23/11/'99 from Office of the Minister for the Environment - read

Letter dated 22/11/'99 from Mr. Noel Treacy, T. D. - read

Letter dated 30/11/'99 from Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary re: Establishment of Galway County Development Board. The Assistant County Manager agreed to clarify the position at the January Meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Keaveney and seconded by Commissioner Browne-Lane that the Cathaoirleach represent the Board.

Letter dated 15/11/'99 from Fingal County Council - read

Letter dated 2/11/'99 from Mr. Paddy Harte, Joint Executive Chairman, A Journey of Reconciliation Trust. It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Keaveney that the Board contribute £100.00.

Letter dated 30/11/'99 from Dept. of the Environment re: Thomas Davis Lecture Series - read

Shop Street: Commissioner Browne-Lane asked that part of the yellow lines be removed on the Bridge as this would give extra car parking spaces. Commissioner McHugh asked that yellow lines into the Mill Museum be reviewed.

I. A. P.:

The Assistant County Manager referred to the design concepts for the Shambles and Abbey Trinity areas. He said 17 submissions were received regarding the Shambles. These all related to the loss of car parking spaces and one referred to deliveries. He said Galway County Council were seeking alternative space for a car park in the vicinity. He will have more information on this at the January meeting. He said he hoped the proposal of a walkway from the Shambles to the Mall would be resolved shortly. He said a brief has to be prepared for developers for both Abbey Trinity and the Shambles. As the Town Commissioners own the Shambles they will have to approve of its disposal. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady to continue with the process without Making a final decision at this stage. The matter to be included on the agenda for the January meeting.

'Person of the Year':

The Cathaoirleach informed the meeting that Mr. Jarlath Kelly was selected as 'Person of the Year'. There were a number of queries regarding the procedure adopted with were replied to by the Cathaoirleach.

Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer stated that he was disappointed at an article regarding the Pedestrian Crossing which had appeared in a recent issue of the Tuam Herald. Ducting was in place two weeks prior to the article appearing and he had informed the Board some considerable time ago that an order had been issued for the signals. He said if the Tuam Herald had contacted Galway County Council they would have been informed of the true facts.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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Cathaoirleach

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Tuam Clerk's Office,
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To each Town Commissioner

.....1st December, 1999.....

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Tuam Town Commissioners will be held
on Tuesday 7th December, '99 at 7.00 p.m.

You are hereby summoned to attend.

Mise le meas,

Angela Holian
..... Baile Cleireach
AGENDA

Minutes

Manager's Business

Correspondence

Dublin Road/Vicar Street/Circular Road

Shop Street

Tuam I. A. P.

Notice of Motion: Comm. Reilly

"I propose that Galway County Council consider appointing
a full time Fireman in Tuam".

Galway County Council Archives

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TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd November, 1999

Present:

Cathaoirleach: Commissioner Reilly

Commissioners: G. Browne-Lane, J. Burke, P. Warren, M. Kelly,
P. O'Grady, C. Keaveney, M. Ward, P. McHugh,

Officials: Mr. J. Tierney, Assistant County Manager
Mr. D. Croghan, Town Engineer
Mrs. A. Holian, Town Clerk

The prayer was recited.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a deputation from High Street Traders to the Meeting. Mr. Padraig McHugh said that since High Street became a one-way street the Traders have suffered badly. Recently five more car parking spaces have been lost on the Lane side and all parking has been lost on the Town Hall side of the street. This will mean more loss of business. He proposed that incoming traffic be allowed up High Street and two-way traffic or parking be restored. Mrs. Nora Holian called on the County Council to stop all day parking and introduce one hour parking. She paid tribute to the Traffic Warden. The Deputation then left.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation from Dublin Road/Vicar Street/Circular Road Traders. Mr. Bernard O'Brien spoke on behalf of the Traders. They demanded the retention of the Shambles as a carpark, and proposed that it become a free one hour parking area monitored by the Traffic Warden. This one hour parking to be extended to Dublin Road, Circular Road and Vicar Street to facilitate the use of the Post Office and ESB Office, especially for Senior Citizens. They would be opposed to any future plans for the Shambles that would any way reduce the number of car spaces that are presently available. They would welcome any renovation or up-grading of the Shambles that would enhance it as a Public Amenity. They also proposed that the Loading Bay now located at the Bon Secours Hospital be moved to the area between Stapleton's Shop and Collette's nearby. The Deputation then left.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Paul Gleeson, Refuse Services to the Meeting. He said a number of the Commissioners had been contacted by elderly People regarding the cost of refuse disposal. Mr. Gleeson stated that the average household bin at 240 litres costs £150 per annum. There was a smaller bin at 110 litres which costs £110. Bags had been introduced at £1.50 each for People in rented accomodation etc. Replying to Commissioner Burke re: a reduced price/waiver system Mr. Gleeson said a bin could be purchased for £38 from which the bags would be taken. Replying to Commissioner Keaveney he said the £38 bin could be rented for £7 per annum and again the bags would be taken from it. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Gleeson for attending the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Frank Dawson, Director of Community and Enterprise for County Galway to the meeting. Mr. Dawson presented an outline of the work of the Galway County Development Board. (attached)

The Cathaoirleach, Manager and Members thanked Mr. Dawson for coming to the Meeting.

Tidy Towns:

The Assistant County Manager stated that he had met with the Tidy Towns Committee that day.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Estimates meeting were adopted on the proposal of Commissioner O'Grady seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Manager's Business:

Regarding High Street Deputation the Assistant County Manager said the submission made by the High Street Traders will be fed into the review, which was to be held after a six month period.

Regarding Abbey Trinity/Shambles he said Design concepts have been prepared and it is proposed to display these from 8th to 30th of November. He presented the first report of the Monitoring Committee. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the December Meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner McHugh and seconded by Commissioner O'Grady that submissions made by High Street Traders and Dublin Road/Circular Road/Vicar Street Traders be discussed at the December Meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner Burke and seconded by the Cathaoirleach that Pedestrianisation of some areas be considered also.

Correspondence:

Letter dated 18th October, 1999 from Shop Street Traders was read. Shop Street to be included on the agenda for the December Meeting.

"Wishing in the New Year":

Commissioner Keaveney proposed that the Cathaoirleach contact the Saw Doctors. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Commissioner McHugh and Commissioner Keaveney meet in two weeks.

This concluded the Meeting.

Recorded by:
Angela Holian,
Town Clerk

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Establishment of GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

A presentation to the members of Tuam Town Commissioners by the Director of
Community & Enterprise

1.1 As you are aware the Government is committed to a major Programme for the Renewal of Local Government. As part of the Programme, a Task Force, chaired by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government was established to draw up a model for the integration of local government and local development systems.

1.2 The Task Force, included representatives from the Departments of
Agriculture & Food

Arts Heritage Gaeltacht & Islands

Enterprise & Employment

Environment & Local Government

Finance

Health & Children

Justice Equality & Law Reform

Marine & Natural Resources

Social Community & Family Affairs

Taoiseach

Tourism Sport & Recreation.

It met with the four pillars under Partnership 2000 and built on the extensive consultations already undertaken by the Interdepartmental Policy Committee on Local Development.

1.3 In order to maximise the benefit of local development initiatives, and of public expenditure, for the local area, the Task Force Report, which has been adopted by Government, recommends that the work of local government and agencies be pulled together at county level, bringing the State Agencies into the process, and involving the social partners also.

1.4 Central to this integration process will be the County Development Board which will be established early in 2000 representing all four groups.

1.5 The primary functions of the County Development Board will be two-fold -

- * preparing a County Strategy for Economic, Social and Cultural Development and
- * ensuring its implementation.

The Strategy

2.1 Sectors to be covered will include

Rural Development

Urban Development

Housing

Transportation

Arts & Culture

Education

Enterprise.

2.2 The Strategy will provide a "shared vision" for the development of County Galway for up to ten years ahead.

- "vision" meaning a broad sense of direction, a view where the county is going, what it wants to achieve, what its problems and challenges are, and how they are to be addressed;
- "shared" meaning that this common view must be worked out- among the Board members, the interests they represent, and other stakeholders - and then become an agreed framework within which to move forward.

In this way traditional arguments about whose plan takes precedence can be side-stepped. Instead the stakeholders can each "buy into" a shared Strategy.

2.3 The Strategy will be delivered by the constituent members of the Board - departments, agencies, local interests and of course the local authority - each taking responsibility for the elements through their own operational plans for the area.

Ultimately the process will be one which provides:

- a greater sense of ownership and commitment at all levels;
- reinvigorated local governance;
- better local integration of public services;
- a better quality of life for citizens.

2.4 In a recent review the Institute of Public Administration concluded that if such a model is successfully developed in Ireland we will have one of the best working definitions of Agenda 21 (Sustainability) at local level in Western Europe.

Membership of the CDB

3.1 CDB members will be drawn from

- *local government
- *local development (CEB; Leader; LDP)
- *State Agencies and
- * the social partners (Agriculture; Business; Community; & Trade Union).

The typical Board will consist of 25 members.

The Local Government sector will be represented by the chairs of the SPCs, Cathaoirleach of the County, County Manager and a councillor representing town local authorities.

Apart from the urban representative who should be selected by agreement among the councillors of the town local authorities in the county, local government representation will be ex officio.

3.2 County Councillors will have a dual role on the CDB;

- as elected members they will bring their experiences and insights gained in close contact with the local communities;
- in their capacity as SPC chairs, they will be expected to bring to the CDB the perspectives of their committees - including the non - council representatives on the SPCs.

3.3 Care has been taken in devising the Boards structure to ensure that no one sector would, on its own, have a majority, while it is expected that decisions will be reached, as far as possible, by consensus.

Director of Community & Enterprise

4.1 Each County Development Board will be serviced by a Director of Community and Enterprise employed at Director of Service level under the general control and supervision of the County Manager.

4.2 The Director will build on the existing County Strategy Group structure while seeking the input of a wider range of bodies to promote closer working relationships.

4.3 Significantly the Director will also lead, reinforce, promote and guide local authority activity related to community development in its broader sense.

4.4 The preparation of the Strategy will be facilitated therefore by a local authority based foundation embracing a wide level of consultation - extending well beyond the constituent membership of the CDB itself.

4.5 As the Strategy develops it will have to be regularly proofed against Anti-Poverty; Social Inclusion; Rural Development; and Agenda 21 (Sustainability) policies.

Preparing the Ground in County Galway

5.1 The Task Force recommends building on the work of existing County/City Strategy Groups. The Director is required to make a report on progress in regard to the CDB to the Co. Strategy Group. All CSG members will have the opportunity for meaningful involvement in the process.

5.2 As Director I am presently in a process of meeting the Local Authorities and all Local Development and State agencies, briefing them on the role of the Director of Community & Enterprise within Galway County Council as well as on the establishment of the County Development Board and its support structures.

5.3 In relation to **community/voluntary sector representatives**, representation will be, in the first instance, drawn from the Social Partner category which will include two representatives from community and voluntary organisations. In addition one representative from the ADM funded Partnerships and Community Groups and one of the members selected by Leader II groups should be from the community sector.

5.4 The Task Force is very interested in the process to be used in appointing the community representatives.

Preparing the Ground suggests that a Community and Voluntary Forum be established for each area covered by an Area Committee of the Council, as a mechanism to nominate representatives.

5.5 Essentially community and voluntary groups active in an area should be free to nominate members to sit on the CDB and on other relevant structures. The challenge is to develop a fair and inclusive method for such nominations to take place.

Establishing the Community Fora

6.1 Essentially it is proposed that community and voluntary groups active in an area will be invited to make nominations from among their members to sit on the County Development Board; Strategic Policy Committees and Expanded Area Committees.

6.2 We are endeavouring to establish a comprehensive register of County - wide community and voluntary organisations.

Thematic Approach

7.1 In keeping with the spirit of the Task Force Report we will need to devise structures to develop particular themes such as early school leaving, tourism promotion, promotion of the Irish language, youth affairs, traffic / rural transport etc. It is recommended that these structures should be assigned a particular task in relation to the development of the Strategy, or in relation to a clearly defined project, and should be wound up once this is completed.

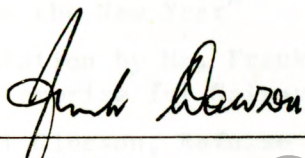
Area based Approach

8.1 The Strategy will also have to have regard to the fact that different policy responses may have to be developed for different areas.

I foresee Tuam Town Commissioners acting as a consultative mechanism through which a valuable contribution will be made to the formulation of the Economic Social and Cultural Strategy.

9.1 In Summary;

- The initiative is based on the Governments commitment to the Programme for Renewal of Local Government.
- The Strategy will provide a shared vision for the social economic and cultural development of County Galway for up to ten years ahead.
- Board membership will be drawn from Local Authority: Local Development; State Agency; and Social Partner sectors.
- A Director of Community and Enterprise has been appointed by Galway County to service the County Development Board and to lead, reinforce, promote and guide local authority activity related to community activity in its broader sense.
- The Director is building on the work of the Galway County and City Strategy Group and will ensure that all CSG members and the future members of the CDB will have the opportunity for meaningful involvement in the process leading to the establishment of the CDB.
- Community Fora are being established for the purpose of receiving Community and Voluntary Group nominations to the CDB and to structures supporting the CDB.
- There will be both a Thematic and Area-Based approach to completing the Strategy.



Frank Dawson

Director of Community & Enterprise

2 November 1999.